



Town of Stonington  
**Economic Development Commission**  
152 Elm Street  
Stonington, Connecticut 06378

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*EDC Mission:  
To assist in the  
establishment of new  
business in Stonington;  
finding business  
locations; State of  
Connecticut and local  
assistance and  
incentives; introductions  
to area officials and  
business leaders; and area  
statistics and information.*

**FINAL MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 6:00 pm**  
**SPS District Office Board Room, 40 Field St, Pawcatuck, CT**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- a) Approved June 14 Regular Meeting. Motion: Dave; Second John; **All in Favor.**
- b) Approved June 15 and July 19 Special Meetings – Cultural District. Motion: Dave; Second: Elsie; **All in Favor.**
- c) Approved September 7 Special Joint Meeting EDC-Climate Change Task Force – Alternative Energy. Motion: Dave; Second; Don; **All in Favor.**

**New Business:**

- a) The EDC reviewed ongoing initiatives, considered new ideas, and sunset current ones as part of an exercise to refresh, prioritize, and focus the team's efforts. Project updates were provided during this exercise. **Action:** members will be emailed a score sheet to rank order initiatives based on their passions, alignment with the POCD, and value to the Town. Dave to consolidate the scores, and the list will be reviewed at the October meeting with the objective of confirming initiative leaders and identifying next steps.
- b) Initiative #7 – Cultural District. Authorized \$50 for the September 20 Cultural District Special Meeting. Motion: Elsie; Second: Kevin; **All in Favor**
- c) Kevin reported the outcome of the Joint Special Meeting with the Climate Change Task Force. An Alternative Energy Fair is planned for early 2023, details to be announced. The fair will seek to inform and increase awareness for alternative energy options available to both residents and businesses. No actions or decisions.
- d) Kevin suggested partnering with the Assessors Dept to host a "How the Grand List Works" Community Conversation to inform residents about the revaluation.

Department of Planning Report: Susan updated the EDC on DoP efforts: EV zones, water line loop progress, Mystic River Boat Park, outreach at Farmers Market - Alternative Energy and Business Directory, CIP process starting soon, Short Term Rental Community Conversation sessions.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Hammond, Chairman  
Economic Development Commission

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Approved October 11, 2022



## 2023 EDC Goals and Objectives Priorities Refresh Exercise / Economic Cluster and POCD Mapping

Key		Primary Economic Cluster						POCD							Leader		
No.	In-progress, 2022 activity	Future Key Objectives	Agra / Aqua	Marinas	Manufacturing	Tourism / Hospitality	Real Estate / Housing	Elder care	Outreach / Community Development	4 - Agriculture	7 - Scenic & Historic Resources	8 - Villages	9 - Residential Housing	10 - Com'l & Ind'l Development	12 - Utilities	13 - Transportation	Leader (To be confirmed or appointed)
	Parking Lot: awaiting action by others																
	Hold and monitor																
	sunset																
	Potential 2023 consideration																
2022-23 Potential Initiatives / Areas of Focus																	
1	Comprehensive Zoning Update	Provide Economic Development-specific recommendations. Susan to invite consultant team to an EDC meeting, provide Keith's list of updates, and provide project plan with milestone dates	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Susan
2	Stonington Gateways: Exits 90, 91, 92, Mechanic St	Exits 90, 91, 92 "Welcome"; Exit 90 water access at Elm Grove Cemetery, alternative energy hub; Mechanic St: conceptual design to improve appearance of railroad embankment				x							x	x		x	OPEN
3	Circus Lot / Dahl Oil Lot	Reconnect with Dahl property owner, use completed survey to complete landscape architect conceptual designs for Circus Lot				x			x		x	x					Jim
4	Donahue Park Ext	complete survey and permitting; conceptual design; quotes for engineering / construction; explore financing alternatives				x			x		x	x					John
5	Marketing / Branding / Placemaking	Continue incremental approach to placemaking through branding and wayfinding efforts; Stonington video; use Newsletter to inform and educate	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			Kevin
6	Cultural District	Work closely with SECT Cultural Coalition to realize establishment of Cultural District(s); membership on AH Commission	x			x			x		x						Elsie
7	Higher-Potential Property Analysis	Partner with Town and property owners to return to productive use; conduct another pass to identify non-performing, abandoned, vacant properties			x		x					x	x	x			Cullen
8	Business Outreach	Continue outreach to support new and existing business; leverage Business Directory, seCTer resources	x	x	x	x	x	x	x					x			Suzanne
9	Promote Fishing / Town Dock	Partnering with SNEFLA to promote fishing	x						x								Dave
10	Wequetequoct Village	Revive Village heritage; dire prerequisites: water, sewer		x		x	x		x		x	x	x		x		OPEN
11	Alternative Energy	Public information / early 2023 Fair. Partner with Climate Change Task Force			x				x						x		OPEN
12	Promote Pawcatuck River	Kayak Trail, recreation / tourism, WPWA		x		x			x		x	x					OPEN
13	Establish bikeways	Police Commission supports: help establish network				x			x		x					x	OPEN